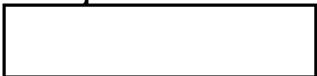


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Nigeria: A major labor crisis may be developing.

In an attempt to capitalize on unrest in Lagos, the Communist-supported faction of Nigeria's trade union movement has called a "general strike" beginning 3 September. If this call gains a significant response, Nigeria's largest trade union confederation, which is Western-oriented, may feel compelled to join the strike.

Should the strike take place and the conservative Northern-dominated government move to break it by force, it would further alienate the urban masses of the south. This regional split, which has been growing, constitutes the major threat to political stability in Nigeria.

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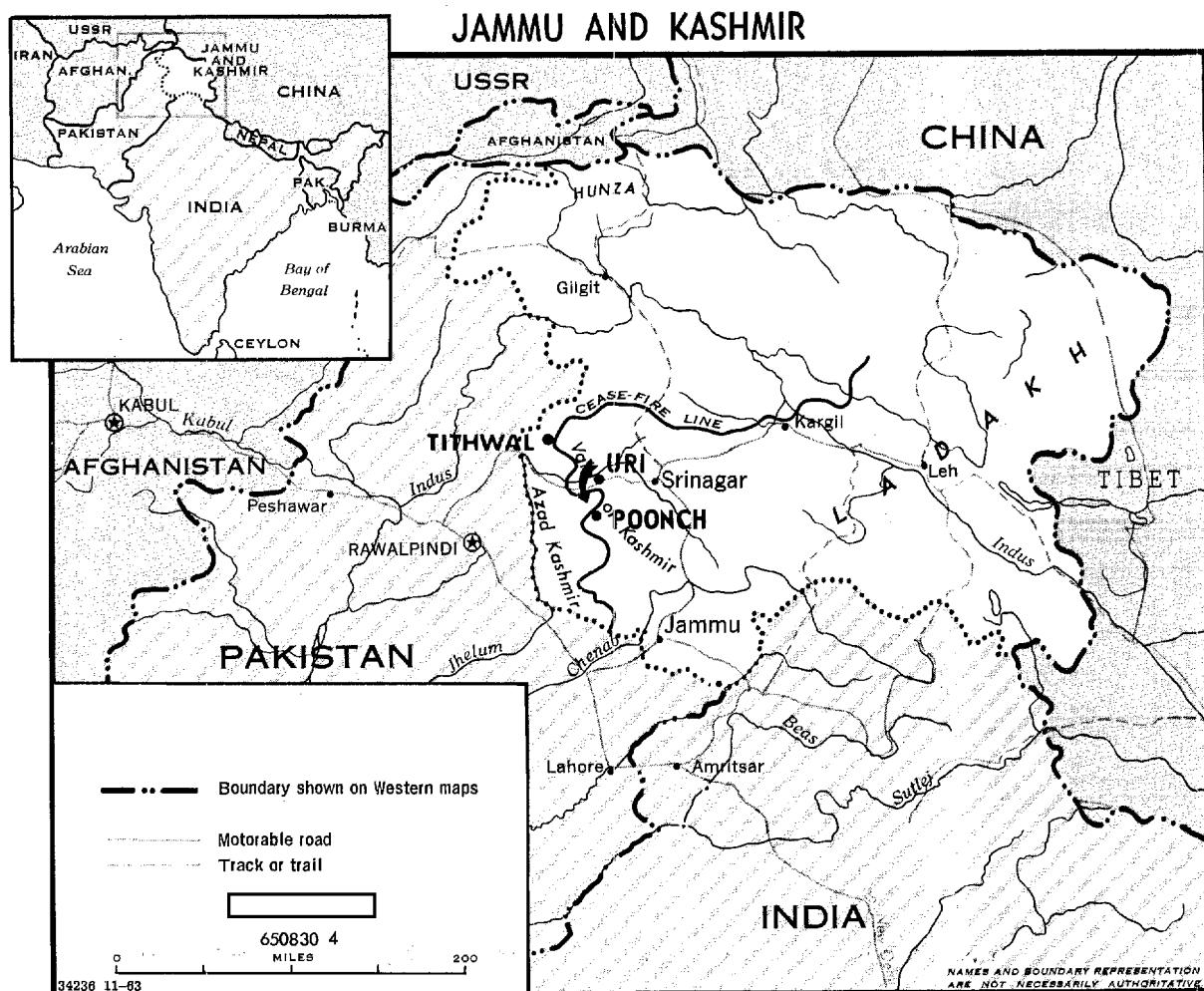
Brazil: Communist influence in Brazilian labor unions is increasing.

In an election of officers this month by the large Guanabara metal workers' union, a Communist-backed slate was elected by a margin of nearly two to one over the progovernment ticket. Pro-Communists have also recently made important electoral gains in key Sao Paulo locals representing metal workers and bank workers.

These results reflect Communist success in exploiting worker discontent with rising living costs and high unemployment in urban areas. Government reform programs that would most benefit the workers, such as the low-cost housing program, have yet to advance much beyond the planning stage. Consequently, proadministration union candidates have had few government achievements to which they can point in their campaigns.

In view of the weakness of their position, democratic union leaders are pessimistic over upcoming elections in the Rio de Janeiro bank, textile, maritime, and construction workers' locals.

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Kashmir: Fighting and artillery duels are apparently under way at a number of points along the cease-fire line. The main area of action reaches from Tithwal, where India seized several Pakistani posts last week, to the Uri-Poonch area, scene of an Indian attempt to slice off a salient of Pakistani territory allegedly used as a base by infiltrators. To date India's counteraction continues to be directed at the immediate problems of coping with the infiltrators and attacking their bases and lines of communication just across the cease-fire line.

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Syria-Israel: Israeli officials say Syria has resumed work on its portion of the Arab Jordan River diversion project despite an Israeli artillery attack on the work site on 12 August. The Israelis, who are trying to frighten the Syrians off the project, can be expected to shell the Syrian site again if the work continues. They probably would capitalize upon some otherwise routine border incident, as they have done in each of their three attacks on Syrian construction sites this year.

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*Dominican Republic: Imbert and other members of the National Reconstruction junta resigned last night, saying they could not sign the revised OAS proposals. Imbert indicated, however, that his regime would remain in power until a provisional government is installed. Top junta military leaders may sign the proposals--although they have not yet indicated they will do so--and rebel leader Caamano had earlier said he would sign if there were no additional modifications. The next few days will be critical as military and rebel leaders reassess their respective positions in the light of Imbert's resignation.

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